

Warning to Germanv—Letter from Spring-Rice—
 America scared off
 the seas—Desperate pacifism of U.S. Government—
 Popular feeling
 grows hotter—Disorganisation of defence forces—
 Trend of public
 opinion—Germany's indifference to American protests—
 U.S.A.
 merchantmen to be armed—Bill blocked in Senate—
 Zimmermann's
 Mexicanaffe—Text of his Note—Interceded by
 Admiral Hall—
 More U.S.A. vessels sunk—Wilson still hesitates—An *
 agile
 footer "—" What else can I do ? "—Wilson's declaration
 : a state of
 war exists—Tribute to German stupidity—Two months*
 delay in
 preparing to fight—Wilson's speech to Congress—A
 world safe for
 democracy—I Allen Baker's interviews with House—
 House's message
 —We get ready to co-operate with U.S.A.—Special
 Mission proposed
 —Approved by Imperial War Cabinet—Value of
 America's entry—
 Mr. Balfour to head the Mission—His instructions—
 Arrangements
 proposed for American troops—Munitions—Sims visits
 British
 Admiralty—Benson's Anglophobia—International Naval
 Conference
 —Members of Balfour's Mission—First impressions :
 chaos in U.S. IV
 —Americans unprepared—Mr. Balfour's personal
 success in the
 States—Anti-British prejudice in America—Irish welcome
 Mr. Balfour
 —Closing the rift between U.S.A. and Britain—Esteem
 of America
 by general British public—Britain's snobocracy—
 Wilson told of
 Britain's Secret Treaties—Balfour visits Canada—Grey
 declines
 leadership of permanent Mission—Cabinet decides to
 appoint North-
 cliffe—Appointment acceptable to America—Northcliffe's
 terms of
 reference—Relations with British Ambassador—
 Criticism of the
 appointment—Horror at the British Embassy—Animosity
 of Spring-
 Rice—Northcliffe's chilly reception by British
 representatives—A scene
 with Spring-Rice—Ambassador's own account—Wisdom
 of harnessing
 a potential trouble-maker—Success of Northcliffe :
 House's tribute
 —Embassy modifies its opinion—Financial arrangements
 with America
 —Northcliffe's letter to me of 17/7/17—America
 ignorant of Britain's
 financial effort in the War—Suspensions of ulterior
 purposes behind
 loans—Horror at huge scale of expenditure—Handicaps
 of Northcliffe's
 temperament—Wilson sluggish in war—His hope that
 threats would
 suffice—Tardy entry of American troops into the fight—
 Borrowed
 guns—America commandeers ships built for us—
 Northcliffe's cable—
 Protest from Australia—Action denounced as immoral—
 Views in the
 War Cabinet—American jealousy of our Mercantile
 Marine—An
 appeal to Washington—A compromise suggested—
 America decides
 to confiscate the ships—A post-War liability—American
 ignorance of
 war finance—Distrust of the Allies—Attitude to France,
 Russia and
 Britain—No tradition of foreign lending—Spring-
 Rice's letter of
 5/7/17—Funds needed to cover past expenditure—
 Special financial
 envoy asked for—Hesitant war attitude in U.S.A.—
 Activity of pro-
 Germans—Public opinion apathetic—Sir William
 Wiseman's advice

—Northcliffe asks for Reading or Bonar Law—Decision
to send Lloyd
Reading—Financial tension growing—Statistics of our
American loans
and purchases—America's offer of financial help to Allies
—Limits on
her offer—Help rendered by I. P. Morgan & Co.—
Special Allied
Purchasing Commission set up—America welcomes
Reading—Good
effects of his Mission—America's first military efforts.